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Lordsburg Does Well  
For War Y. M. C. A.Good Subscription Taken Here  
And More Yet To Be  
Heard From

Up to the present time Lordsburg has contributed \$362.50 toward the War Y. M. C. A. Fund and a number of persons are yet to be heard from. The contributions from the mines have also been delayed and are not included in the above amount.

The subscriptions of \$362.50 was taken by a committee appointed through the Chamber of Commerce and a general canvass was made of both the business and residential section of town on Saturday and Monday. The largest individual contribution made was \$50.00. From that they went as low as 50 cents. The average donation from Lordsburg would be about \$8.00.

Practically every person approached contributed something to the War Y. M. C. A. Fund and Lordsburg should feel proud at raising this amount, considering the large number of other causes for which this city has been called upon to do its bit coming so close upon the Y. M. C. A. drive. It is believed that when the total amount from this community is turned in it will be about \$750.00.

BIG CHANCE FOR  
FUTURE DRAFTED MEN.

Many young men who are called by the government for service have the idea that this service is going to interfere with their future life and prevent them from learning a trade or profession, thus being a big drawback to their chances in life after the war.

The government and the agricultural college are going to show them that the reverse is the case.

Wireless operators are in big demand and will be more so in the future than at the present. You now have an opportunity to learn wireless at no cost to yourself for tuition, if you are included in the second or any following draft.

It is a splendid opportunity for a young man, and if you want to have more particulars, read the article in this issue on the subject and then write the N. M. College of Agricultural & Mechanical Arts, at Mesilla Park, N. M.

The woman's club had an interesting meeting on Monday. "Woman's Suffrage" was the lesson study. On account of cold weather coming on it was decided to meet at the homes of the members taking the names alphabetically.

—Read "The Real Man" This Week—

Cattle Movement  
Active This WeekJoe Olney Ships To Mexico  
Steers Leave From Local  
Yards--Cattle Sold

Joe Olney of this city has reasoned the cattle situation at the present time that 'stock is better alive and running a chance of living in Mexico than dying on the range in the United States,' and acting upon this hypothesis started his cattle the first of the week trailing to Mexico, about ten miles east of Douglas, Ariz., where he has leased a tract of land containing 70,000 acres of excellent grazing land. The cattle moved from the Animas Valley belong to Mr. Olney and Chas. C. Tyson. Bond was given by the Mexican government that the cattle could be moved back into the United States after the drought, without duty.

Several New Mexico cattlemen on the Arizona border have moved their stock into the neighboring state but Mr. Olney's is the first shipment into Mexico.

Mrs. Mary A. McVannan of Separ has closed a contract for the shipment of 4,500 head of cows with Mr. Jamison of Denver, Colo. The stock leave from Separ as soon as cars are available. Other large shipments will be made of old stock throughout this section of the country when cars are supplied by the railroads.

John T. Muir shipped steers on Saturday from the local yards to William Roache of Velta, Calif.

**CATTLE DEALS.**  
J. E. Cosper and W. R. Cosper on last Saturday purchased the cattle and ranch of "Pink" Cosper, known as the Willow Springs ranch, the J-7—and Spear H brands. The ranch is located in the Horseshoe mountains.

On the same day Lloyd Sands sold his cattle and ranch, C — 7 brand, to R. H. Powell of Duncan. This ranch is also in the Horseshoe mountains, south of Duncan.—Duncan News.

**ANIMAS CATTLE SHIPMENTS**  
On Tuesday of this week the Robson brothers, Carl Washburn and Hale Chenoweth shipped their steers from the local stock yards to R. F. Garner, of San Bernardino, Calif. The price for yearling steers was \$33.00. Two year-olds sold for \$40, and three-year-olds, \$48.00.

**FULTON GETS GOOD WELL AT HACHITA.**  
E. J. Fulton finished the water well which he had been drilling at Hachita for the government last Friday. The well was drilled to a depth of 500 feet and will furnish plenty of water for government use.

—Start Our Big Serial Story—

Alleged I. W. W. And Anarchist Captured  
By Local Officers And Secret Service Men  
After Near Shooting And DynamitingMember I. W. W. 166 Wanted In Chicago Arrested At 85 Mine  
Four Friends Assist In Attempted Escape—Given  
\$5,000 Bonds On Federal Charge.

Abraham Rodriguez alleged member of the famous I. W. W. "166" wanted upon federal indictments at Chicago, Ill., was captured early Tuesday morning in an adobe house at the 85 mine near this city. Officers surrounded the house and were threatened by Rodriguez with a Winchester rifle, keeping the men at bay for some time until they threatened to dynamite the building. Then the fugitive came out and surrendered to Officers McCaleb and Wren of the secret service department.

J. W. Jackson, superintendent of the 85 Mining company was directly aimed at by the alleged I. W. W. agitator but stepped to one side of the house as witnesses believe the man was about to fire. Rodriguez refused to come out of the building until the threat was made to blow up the building with explosives. Seeing the officers and men meant business he gave up.

According to reports here, the man is wanted in Chicago, Ill., on a large list of complaints charging him with anarchy and being an agitator of the most drastic sort. He is also said to be one of the most active I. W. W. organizers in Chicago and other places in the east. Rodriguez is a well educated and highly polished Mexican. For weeks the officers of the United States have been trailing him. Decey letters sent by the officials were found in his possession although an attempt was made to burn all papers when the officers entered the house at the mine. By quick action of those present in putting the fire out some of the papers were saved.

Eulalia Arrendo, Felipe Ruacho and two women Rita Igruria and Santos Ruacho were arrested by the officers. They are charged with aiding and assisting a fugitive from justice to attempt escape and interfering with United States officers. They were all in the house at the mine when Rodriguez put up his last fight. None of them surrendered or came out at the demands of the officers until the fugitive himself had given up. It was thought for some time that a gun fight would ensue when the Mexican threw his rifle upon Mr. Jackson and threatened the other men present. Deputy Sheriff Lyman Garrett and H. R. Swink were among those who assisted in capturing the coterie. All believed that the party would not be captured without bloodshed, at the time.

Immediately after the arrest of the four Mexicans a hearing was held before United States Commissioner F. V. Bush, the charge against the fugitive being for the assisting of a fugitive of justice to attempt an escape and interfering with officers of the United States. Commissioner Bush after hearing the case, bound them over to await the action of the federal grand jury and put them in the charge of United States officers.

The capture of Abram Rodriguez will likely terminate in the rounding up of a number of anarchists and I. W. W. agitators in the United States. For months the Mexican has kept out of reach of the law but by the persistent efforts of the secret service men was traced into the mining camp south of this city. Decey and traps had been set for him and it is believed he fell into them as the officers had planned. His actions in resisting arrest and then the destroying of papers in his possession point directly to the fact that the United States officers have the right man.

Officer Claude McCaleb in his testimony stated that Abraham Rodriguez was wanted on a Federal indictment at Chicago, Ill., charging him with being a member of the famous "166" I. W. W. agitators, using the mails to defraud, anarchy and interference with the military and naval activity of the United States. Mr. McCaleb went to the 85 mine Monday

on instructions from the department of justice, it being believed that Rodriguez was in that camp. He conferred with J. W. Jackson and Deputy Sheriff Lyman Garrett and they believed they had their man located. The first man apprehended proved to be the wrong Rodriguez. Then they visited the home of Felipe Ruacho. The members of the family and Eulalia Arrendo and his wife who were in the house denied that they knew any Abraham Rodriguez and that the man with them was named Lopez. Permission was asked to look through the trunks in the house but the men and women refused to let the officers have this privilege.

During the discussion following Rodriguez escaped from the house and went to his own adobe residence a few doors above. The officers and Mr. Jackson followed him and as Mr. Jackson went past the house he looked up into a window and saw Rodriguez with a 30-30 Winchester rifle leveled at his head. Mr. Jackson stepped to one side and there ordered the man to come out or they would dynamite the house. Deputy Lyman Garrett was placed on the stand and testified that the man had leveled the rifle at Mr. Jackson. Mr. Garrett was in favor of breaking down the doors of the house and taking the men, but was restrained by the other men.

Henry Swink, who acted as interpreter, testified before the U. S. Commissioner that the testimony of Messrs. Jackson and Garrett was correct. All the witnesses testified that the two women and the two men (Ruacho and Arrendo) denied that Rodriguez was other than one Antonio Lopez and that they knew nothing about any papers. Mr. Jackson stated that when they entered the room they noticed a fire in the stove which the women had built. He and Mr. Garrett rushed to the stove, taking off the lid. They found papers burning. Mr. Jackson recovered one sheet bearing the name of Abraham Rodriguez. On this evidence and the fact that the women and men tried in every way to mislead the United States officials they were placed under arrest.

When Rodriguez was brought into Lordsburg and placed in jail, Deputy Sheriff E. W. Webb testified that he made a threat that he

was going to kill some person at the mine, using an oath. A large number of papers, books and other literature was found in the house occupied by Rodriguez and all were addressed to him as the man sought for by the government. When arrested the man strenuously denied that he was Abraham Rodriguez and insisted that his name was A. L. Lopez. In the examination he admitted that his name was Rodriguez and stated that he was the person who had issued the poetry in pamphlet form said to be I. W. W. literature. He said he did this for the support of his family as the booklets were sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Arrendo and Mr. and Mrs. Ruacho were both placed under \$5,000 bonds each waiting the action of the Federal grand jury. They were taken to Denning by Deputy Sheriff E. W. Webb and turned over to the Deputy United States Marshall there. Rodriguez will be taken to Chicago, Ill., where the warrants for his arrest were issued.

Rodriguez has been working at the 85 mine for about three months, and prior to that time was in correspondence with friends at Valadon. He was formerly employed at Miami, Ariz., where the I. W. W. literature purported to have been gotten out by him was issued. The federal authorities are of the opinion that he is a "bad man," more evidence of this being shown in his attempt to shoot one of his captors.

A. & N. M. Changes Time  
Tables. Will Help  
Lordsburg Some

A change in schedule has been announced from the headquarters of the Arizona and New Mexico Railroad at Clifton. The new schedule becomes effective on Sunday December 2, and is important in that the A. & N. M. does not make connection with the Golden State limited train at Hachita and passengers to El Paso will change at Lordsburg taking train No. 2 on the Southern Pacific at 12:27 p. m. The A. & N. M. train will now leave Clifton at 8:10 a. m. arriving here at 10:56 and Hachita at 12:05. It will leave Hachita at 12:40 arriving here at 2:20 and Clifton at 4:10 p. m. This schedule will mean that a large number of Clifton-Morenci people going both east and west will have a stop-over of several hours in Lordsburg. It will mean business for the restaurants, hotels, confectionery stores and pool halls not to mention the thrifty emporiums for those coming in from dry territory.

—Start Our Big Serial Story—

J. S. Brown Killed  
In Auto AccidentProminent Lordsburg Citizen  
Pinned Under Auto And  
Killed

Lordsburg was greatly shocked Thursday morning when news was received here of the death of one of the town's pioneer business men, John S. Brown, the friend of hundreds of people throughout this section of Grant county and who for 25 years has been active in every movement to promote the welfare of this community. Mr. Brown was killed early Wednesday evening when an automobile in which he and several men were returning from Mogollon turned over while going over a three foot embankment in the Mangas valley between Cliff and Silver City. Mr. Brown was pinned beneath the car sustaining internal injuries from which he died within a few minutes. His body was brought to Silver City and was sent to Lordsburg Thursday night.

Mr. Brown and son Frank, Wm. McSwain and Walter Chesser all left Lordsburg on the 8th of the month for a hunting trip in the Mogollons. Mr. Brown's car broke down and he told the other members of the party to go on into Lordsburg and he would come in a service car or as soon as he could get his machine repaired. His car was then at Glenwood and he went back to Mogollon for repair parts. His young son and Messrs. McSwain and Chesser arrived home Wednesday evening but no word of the accident was received until early Thursday morning.

The version of the accident obtained today is to the effect that Mr. Brown was riding into Silver City with a man named Barber, who was looking over some ranch property near Mogollon. Mr. Barber was driving the car. While in the Mangas draw the lights on the car went out, evidently by a short circuit. In the darkness the machine ran into a three foot embankment and turned over bearing all the occupants beneath it. Trucks to Mogollon passing by discovered the car and turned it over rescuing the two men. Mr. Brown was dead when they reached him. Messrs. Barber and Alamez sustained serious injuries which, it is believed, will not prove fatal. The two men and the body of Mr. Brown were taken to Silver City late Wednesday night.

J. S. Brown was aged about 47 years. He has conducted the Clifton Bar in this city for 24 years. He was former Ford agent in Lordsburg and with Blaine Phillips was a distributor

Red Cross Organizes  
Locally For WorkEnthusiastic Meeting At High  
School For Organization  
Purposes Here

Last Friday night a large number of interested people met in the High school assembly hall to organize a Red Cross for Lordsburg.

Miss Elizabeth Dempwolf presided at the meeting and put forth the necessity of an organization in Lordsburg, especially since she had taken up the work in her department in the local schools.

Everyone present felt that Lordsburg should delay no longer in doing its part for the soldiers in the trenches.

The officers elected will hold office until Oct. 1918. George Kelly was elected chairman; Mrs. D. D. Clark, secretary; F. R. Coon treasurer. Messdames Small, Boyer, Walker, Burt and Miss Dempwolf, together with the officers make up the executive committee.

Mrs. D. D. Clark was appointed chairman on the membership committee. All who wish to join the organization are requested to hand their names to Mrs. Clark. Membership dues are one dollar. Pins and certificates will be issued as soon as available.

Miss Dempwolf will have charge of the junior organization. Appointments will be made for other committees and provision made to raise funds to commence work.

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for the Kelly truck and conducted a fire insurance agency. He was the owner of much residential and mining property here and built the Brown Block owned by C. W. Marsalis. He was one of Lordsburg's most progressive citizens contributing liberally to every cause for the advancement of the community. He was a big-hearted man in every way and his friends are numbered by the hundreds.

He is survived by a wife and six children the oldest being about fourteen years. His wife's mother Mrs. Jernigan of Hachita came here immediately after word of Mr. Brown's death was received and Mr. Jernigan arrived Thursday morning going direct to Silver City to take charge of the remains.

To the bereft the sympathy of the community is extended. Their loss is felt by every person in Lordsburg. The deceased was a loving husband and father his biggest interest being in his family. In this hour of their bereavement words are inadequate to express the deep sorrow felt by all and relieve the burden from the loved ones who mourn the loss of one so dear to them.

While no announcements have yet been made it is likely that the funeral services will be held Saturday from the Brown residence here.

## Carload of Trunks

Just Received

Regulation Officer's and Private's Trunks

## Christmas Goods

It Will Be To Your Interest To See The Large Display Of  
Christmas Goods Now In Stock

## Wislon--Ashland Phonographs

We Are The Local Agents. Plays Any Record Made.  
Save Price of Records By Buying This MachineThe Roberts & Leahy Mercantile Co.  
INCORPORATED

Christmas Wisdom  
In Buying HERE and  
Buying EARLY.

Next Week Will Be

DOLL WEEK

AT OUR STORE

BRING the children in to see OUR BIG DISPLAY of all sized DOLLS at all prices. Biggest assortment ever shown in this community.

The Eagle Drug Mercantile Co.

Lordsburg's Largest Department Store

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